GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:271
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000
EXPORT OF PETROL DIESEL BY HPCL
PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY;UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has announced any plan for export of petrol and diesel;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the sources from which the petrol and diesel are likely to be exported by H.P.C.L.;

(c) whether it makes commercial sense to export refined petro-products from India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 271 F 7.12.2000 REGARDING EXPORT OF PETROL & DIESEL BY HPCL.

(a) to (d): So far, no petrol or diesel has been exported by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) . HPCL does not have any regular plan for export of petrol and diesel. However, it has contingency plans for export of petrol and diesel to manage temporary surpluses.

Viability of export of petrol and diesel is dependent on several factors like prevailing international prices, import tariffs, need for maximising crude throughput of the refinery to meet domestic demand of other petroleum products and optimising the gross refining margins.